How to End a Guardianship

Who can ask the court to end a guardianship?

If you are the guardian, the child or the child's parents, you can ask the court to end the guardianship.

Do I *have to* ask the court to end the guardianship?

Not always. The guardianship ends automatically if the child:

- turns 18
- is adopted
- gets married
- dies, or
- gets declared an adult (emancipated)

Remember: If this is a Guardianship of the Estate (to take care of the child's money and property), you must still file a final report with the Court.
(Probate Code §1600)

How do I ask the court to end the guardianship?

Fill out these forms. Then, take your original + 3 copies to the Clerk's Office in Room 103.

- GC-255 – *Petition for Termination of Guardianship*
- GC-020 – *Notice of Hearing*
- PGF-4 – *Petitioner's Declaration*

Where can I get these forms?

You can get the forms at the:

- Clerk's Office, Room 103
- ACCESS Center, Room 208
- Or download them from: *www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms*

Do I have to 'give notice' that I want to end the guardianship?

Yes. You have to give notice by mail to all the people that got notice when the case started. (When guardianship was filed.)

You must give notice at least 15 days before the hearing.

For help, see pages 7–9 of the guardianship manual.

Do I have to 'give notice' to relatives who agree to ending the guardianship?

No. Just ask them to sign the back of GC-255 – the *Consent and Waiver* form.

Do I have to go to Court?

Yes. Go to court on the date of your hearing. Fill out GC-260 *(Order Terminating Guardianship)* and bring it with you.

If the Court decides to end the guardianship, the judge will sign this form. Then, take this form (+ 2 extra copies) to the Clerk's Office, Room 103.

Will the Court end the guardianship?

It depends on the case. The court will end the guardianship only if the judge believes that it is in the best interest of the child.

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